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SUMMARY - 1. ON JUNE 29 EMBASSY PARIS DRUG COORDINATOR CUSTER CALLED ON HEAD OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION HANS PFEFFERMANN WHO DESCRIBED COUNCIL PROGRAM ON DRUG ABUSE RECENTLY APPROVED BY COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS. CUSTER BRIEFED PFEFFERMANN ON PROPOSED CCMS ACTIVITY IN FIELD.- END SUMMARY.

2. PFEFFERMANN STATED THAT COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS, AFTER EXTENDED CONSIDERATION, HAD FINALLY APPROVED COUNCIL'S ENTRY INTO DRUG ABUSE FIELD. DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN AT URGING OF WHO, WHICH ITSELF LACKED FUNDS FOR MANY DRUG ABUSE RELATED ACTIVITIES, AND SAW COUNCIL AS SUITABLE FORUM.

3. COUNCIL S FIRST STEP WILL BE MEETING NOVEMBER 13 OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM 17 MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. COMPOSITION OF EACH
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COUNTRY S DELEGATION WILL BE LEFT TO ITS GOVERNMENT, EACH CHOSING

SENIOR POLICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION OR OTHER OFFICIALS
DEPENDING ON WHAT ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM IT FEELS MOST IMPORTANT.

4. NOVEMBER MEETING WILL REVIEW CURRENT INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION IN DRUG ABUSE FIELD AND DECIDE ON AREAS FOR COUNCIL
ACTIVITY. RESULTS OF MEETING CAN NOT BE PREDICATED WITH CERTAINTY,
BUT PFEFFERMANN SAID IT WOULD CERTAINLY RESULT IN ESTABLISHMENT OF
OFFICE OF EUROPEAN DRUG INFORMATION WITHIN COUNCIL. PFEFFERMANN
NOTED THAT COUNCIL POSSESSED ESTABLISHED NETWORK WITHIN AND BETWEEN
EUROPEAN MINISTERS OF JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, SCIENCE AND
EDUCATION. THIS NETWORK WOULD BE PUT AT DISPOSAL OF DRUG ABUSE
PROGRAM. HE NOTED AS AN EXAMPLE COUNCIL S WORK ON HARMONIZATION
OF EUROPEAN LEGISLATION, WHICH COULD BE EXTENDED TO DRUG ABUSE AREA.

5. CUSTER NOTED GREAT US GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN WHOLE QUESTION
OF DRUG ABUSE, STATED THAT HE WAS SURE USG WOULD BE RECEPTIVE
TO ANY COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD, AND WOULD
BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING ITS ACTIVITIES. HE ASKED WHETHER ANY
CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO INVITING US OBSERVER DELEGATION
TO COUNCIL MEETING, NOTING THAT WE WOULD LIKELY BE INTERESTED.
PFEFFERMANN SAID THAT WHO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
WOULD BE INVITED. HE AGREED TO RAISE QUESTION OF INVITING USG
OBSERVERS.

6. CUSTER RECALLED VISIT OF DR. NORMAN REYNOLDS OF HEW TO THE
COUNCIL IN JANUARY, AND INFORMED PFEFFERMANN OF USG PROPOSAL FOR
CCMS ORGANIZED CONFERENCE ON EPIDEMIOLOGY, SUMMARIZING CONTENTS
OF REFTEL. CUSTER NOTED THAT COUNCIL AND CCMS ACTIVITEES SEEMED
COMPLEMENTARY, AND WOULD BOTH PROFIT FROM EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE
TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

7. PFEFFERMANN STATED THAT COUNCIL WOULD BE HAPPY TO ATTEND CCMS
CONFERENCE IF INVITED, BUT NOTED SEVERE BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS
WITHIN COUNCIL ON ATTENDANCE AT THESE SORT OF MEETINGS.

8. COMMENT - IT WOULD APPEAR THAT NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AND
US PROPOSED CCMS EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE COULD OVERLAP AT
LEAST IN PART. BOTH ACTIVITIES WOULD PROFIT FROM COORDINATION
BETWEEN TWO ORGANIZATIONS.WOODS

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